

on South Sudan issues. This must change. Capitols in Africa, working through the African Union, AU, and IGAD, must ensure that peace in South Sudan is at the top of the agenda for policymakers. Working with the Europeans and other partners, the United States should actively support the efforts of the African stakeholders to rehabilitate South Sudan's broken peace process.

The United States also has a prominent role to play. The relationship between South Sudan and the United States runs deep. For decades the United States has been the leading donor to South Sudan, including major contributions from U.S. civil society. U.S. diplomacy has long supported the South Sudanese cause and was critical to the signing of the CPA. After independence, the United States remained firmly engaged in supporting South Sudan, both through its bilateral engagement and participation in the Troika. That tradition must continue and there is no time to waste. I encourage the Biden administration to take four steps:

First, appoint an experienced Ambassador to South Sudan, someone who has served as an Ambassador in the region who is familiar with the history of the relationship.

Second, the administration should pursue additional bilateral and multilateral sanctions on South Sudanese political actors where needed, including on those who obstruct the delivery of humanitarian aid. In that same vein, it should support the continuation of the U.N. arms embargo and regularly name parties that violate the embargo and hold them accountable.

Third, the corruption that has long fueled South Sudan's political crisis must be confronted head on. The United States and its partners must demand full transparency from the Government of South Sudan on its oil accounts: the international community must know what revenue is coming in and what expenditures are being made. Kiir's foot-dragging on public financial management has persisted for years; it is well past time that Juba face consequences. The United States must use its voice and vote at international financial institutions to oppose all budget support to the Government of South Sudan and urge an end to all programs that do not directly benefit the health and welfare of the South Sudanese people until and unless the government is willing to open its books to donors and, more importantly, the South Sudanese people.

Finally, ending the cycle of conflict and despair in South Sudan will require accountability for past crimes and atrocities. The lesson of 8 years of conflict in South Sudan is that progress is impossible in a climate of impunity. Yet, despite support to the AU Hybrid Court for South Sudan from the United States and other donors, the AU has failed to fulfill its responsibilities, and the Hybrid Court re-

mains in limbo. Justice delayed is justice denied. With our allies in tow, the Biden administration must make clear to relevant stakeholders at the AU and in Juba that further delay on the issue of transitional justice is unacceptable. If these parties do not act, the Biden administration should work with allies to pursue alternative justice and accountability mechanisms.

Mr. President, I congratulate the people of South Sudan on this milestone. Their independence was hard won. I only wish their leaders had treated them better. At this critical moment, the United States must stand with all South Sudanese in their pursuit of justice, democracy, and equitable development.

TRIBUTE TO TODD CROUCH

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the service of Todd Crouch, my director of state operations, who retired from my office and the U.S. Senate on June 30, 2021.

Todd has spent nearly 22 years as a valued member of my staff. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Todd first joined my State assembly staff in 1997 as an intern. By a stroke of luck on both of our parts, Todd was assigned to my office to complete his coursework. He would later tell me that he didn't know much about me and my work in the assembly but had heard that I was smart, hard-working, and a good listener. I quickly learned that I could say the same about Todd.

After my election to the U.S. House of Representatives in late 1998, Todd joined my office as a field representative. Todd worked directly to serve constituents in our Madison area district, visiting organizations and businesses and serving as my representative at countless community events. He set up listening sessions through the district and staffed me at those events. Some listening sessions presented special and occasionally dramatic challenges. Todd nimbly navigated us through the occasional unexpected attendee with creativity and good humor.

In 2001, Todd transitioned to a role as our district office manager and district scheduler. This dual role highlighted some of Todd's greatest skills. An organized and methodical scheduler, he handled sticky situations with great care, including delayed flights, last minute cancellations, and many competing demands on limited time. He ran our district offices with a close attention to detail, ensuring their smooth operation and providing our State staff with a steady hand to turn to when trouble arose.

Todd remained in this dual role until my election to the U.S. Senate in 2012. I was fortunate to have Todd continue on my U.S. Senate staff. Initially serving as my Madison office director, which had expanded far beyond the size of our district office, Todd's role even-

tually grew to encompass all of our State operations. He managed our offices in Madison, Milwaukee, La Crosse, Eau Claire, and Green Bay, as well as our mobile office, affectionately known to us as The Beast. Todd later added several additional support roles, including two short stints as a pinch-hitter State scheduler, as well as coordinating our Grants and Special Projects portfolio.

Outside of the office, Todd is a devoted husband and father. He and his husband James Bond are the proud parents of their energetic young sons, Derrion and SJ. Todd and James are also longtime committed foster parents who have an open door to a welcoming and loving home.

I am fortunate to have had Todd as a valued member of my staff for these past many years, and I know that my staff, both past and present, feel the same. He has a sneaky and delightful sense of humor, which often helps relieve a tense or difficult situation. He is diligent in his approach to his work and to public service and leads by example. Along with my entire U.S. Senate staff, I wish him all the best as he begins a new chapter with his well-deserved retirement.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF GLC MINERALS

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of GLC Minerals, a fifth-generation, family owned company that has contributed to the growth and success of the city of Green Bay and Northeast Wisconsin since 1871.

Wisconsin's indigenous Tribes lived in this area for thousands of years and recognized the strategic importance of the bay of Green Bay. The confluence of river and lake contributed to the success of their thriving communities.

In 1634 the first European explorer, Jean Nicolet, arrived on the shores of Green Bay, and the development of this city on our country's western frontier was launched. As the community of what is now greater Green Bay grew, eager, hard-working settlers with an entrepreneurial spirit arrived to build an economy rooted in iron smelting, timber, and cheesemaking. Fred Hurlbut, Sr., was one of these industrious settlers and in 1871 established the Hurlbut Calcium and Chemical Company.

The generations that followed honored the vision of Fred Hurlbut, Sr., and as the economy grew and changed, so did the company. In 1940, the company moved to the shores of the Fox River. In 2015, the business received its final name change to GLC Minerals. And today, as we celebrate the 150th anniversary, GLC Minerals remains an anchor of our Green Bay community as a successful manufacturer of calcium and magnesium carbonate products used in animal feed, mineral fillers, pollution filters, and soil conditioners.

Mr. President, in Wisconsin, we make things. We are known for our brats and

cheese and paper, but our economy is so much more diverse. GLC Minerals represents that diversified economic base that has propelled our State forward as a great place to work, live, and raise a family. As a custom manufacturer of minerals and applications, GLC Minerals contributes to our dairy, poultry, glass, paper, construction, and agricultural sector. I applaud fifth-generation family member Wesley Hurlbut Garner, II, for his wise stewardship of this vital Wisconsin business and wish GLC Minerals and the Garner family great success in the next 150 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO EDWIN REYES DEQUIROS

• Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mr. Edwin Reyes DeQuiros, a dedicated servant to the great people of West Virginia. After a 34 year career, Edwin is retiring as an Immigration Services Officer for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Application Support Center office in Charleston, WV.

Edwin is a joy to work with and has served as a valuable and consistent liaison between USCIS and my office. His goal is to try to assist the customers to the best of his knowledge and experience but not to the extent of compromising U.S. immigration laws and the USCIS policies and regulations.

Born and raised in the Philippines, Edwin is no stranger to the legal immigration process. In January of 1981, he married a young beautiful woman from Charleston, WV. Based upon this marriage and her approved immigration petition, the U.S. Embassy in Manila, Philippines, issued an immigrant visa for him as the spouse of a U.S. citizen.

In September 1982, he and his wife, along with their then 10-month-old son, arrived in Los Angeles, CA. Finding a job in L.A. was difficult and frustrating as a new immigrant with no work experience in the United States in addition to not having a vehicle.

In November 1982, an experience he credits to the grace of God and answered prayer, he was hired by the Broadway Department Store, sister company of Neiman-Marcus, as a merchandise handler. His job was to unload merchandise from the semi-trucks to the stockrooms. A year later, he was promoted to a plainclothes loss prevention officer tasked with arresting shoplifters. Two years later, he became the loss prevention manager of the same store, and one of his duties was to apprehend dishonest store employees. He became a naturalized citizen of the United States in July of 1986.

In November 1987, he saw an advertisement in the Los Angeles Times that the legacy INS—now the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services—was hiring a Criminal Investigator/Special Agent. Edwin was hired

and became an INS Special Agent, attended the Immigration Officer Basic Training Course at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, GA, and was assigned to various units—Fraud, Employer Sanctions, Anti-Smuggling, Criminal Alien Apprehension Program, and the Violent Gang Task Force—within the INS Investigation Branch.

Nine years later, he transferred to the INS Investigation Branch in Charleston, WV, eventually named Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE. During his time as an ICE Senior Special Agent, he was assigned to investigate child pornography cases, import and export law violations, and human trafficking/smuggling cases.

After more than 20 years of combined and exemplary service with legacy INS and ICE, Edwin retired on September 29, 2008. Three days later, he was hired on a government contract as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal with the U.S. Marshal Service in Charleston, WV. On January 30, 2012, he became an Immigration Services Officer for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services' Application Support Center office in Charleston, WV.

Edwin and his wife of 40 years, Christine, are the parents of two children, Adrian and Jeremy. In retirement, they will enjoy time with family, riding their road bikes, traveling and walking the trail paths along the Kanawha River. Edwin truly believes that wherever God leads him and however he serves Him, he can be used by God to help others shine His light. We thank Edwin for his service and for shining his light for those on the immigration path. It is a pleasure to call Edwin DeQuiros a fellow West Virginian.●

TRIBUTE TO MAURICE MAILHOT

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize Maurice Mailhot of Berlin as June's Granite Stater of the Month. Maurice, a veteran who served in the Korean war and received two Purple Hearts during his service, worked diligently to help redesign Veteran's Memorial Park in Berlin. Starting with the memorial for the Spanish American War, Maurice worked through northern New Hampshire's grueling winter and into the spring to place each war memorial centrally and in chronological order in the park, creating a tribute worthy of New Hampshire's veterans.

The story of how Maurice came to redesign the park is a testament to his service to his community and his indomitable spirit. A lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW, Maurice was asked by his fellow VFW members to lead and coordinate efforts to redesign Veteran's Memorial Park in downtown Berlin. As one of the oldest members of the group, Maurice could have said no and enjoyed his well-deserved retirement, but instead, he not only organized the redesign but

almost singlehandedly completed the construction himself.

Maurice, working mostly alone, dug holes around each memorial so that it could be lifted by machinery to a more optimal spot in the park. Maurice also designed a new signpost for the memorial park, replacing an older, wooden sign that failed to reflect the reverence that each of the war memorials is intended to convey. The new sign, made of solid, local granite, was donated by Maurice to honor Berlin's veteran community.

Maurice embodies what it means to be a Granite Stater. Long after his brave service to our country, Maurice continues to serve his community and has gone to extraordinary lengths to honor his fellow veterans. I am grateful not only for Maurice's service but also for his dedication to his community, and I am honored to recognize him.●

REMEMBERING MARCIA PINDER

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have the following article printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

[From the Daily Coach, June 30, 2021]

REMEMBERING A FLORIDA SIDELINE LEGEND

Some major names have stalked the sidelines of South Florida's high school basketball gyms over the years, including Frank Martin, Anthony Grant and Shakey Rodriguez. But few have done it with the sustained success of Dillard Women's Coach Marcia Pinder.

She served 44 seasons on the bench, winning 996 career games while guiding the Lady Panthers to 10 state titles, according to the Miami Herald.

Pinder died last week. She was 70.

Beyond any of her in-game schemes or pregame speeches, Pinder was a trusted confidant to hundreds of teenaged girls over the better part of five decades.

"She was a mentor, an advocate, a second mom to many of her players," Florida Rep. Omari Hardy wrote on Facebook. "She taught generations of young women how to excel on and off the court, and it was in that lasting, personal impact that she took the greatest pride."

Pinder was named Florida Dairy Farmers Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year five times over a six-year span beginning in 2010 and received the prestigious Morgan Wootten Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 2017, according to the Herald.

She was inducted into the National High School Athletic Association Coaches Hall of Fame in 2014.

Few high school coaches have won as many games as Pinder, but based on the number of poignant tributes that flooded social media following her death, it would seem safe to say that not many have touched as many lives.

"The epitome of mentorship, love, discipline and leadership," tweeted Ole Miss Women's Coach Yolett McCuin.

"She was more than just a Coach!" Auburn Women's Coach Johnnie Harris tweeted. "She impacted the lives of many people in many ways! She will always have a special place in my heart!"

Pinder's legacy serves as yet another pivotal reminder to us as leaders that as much as we agonize over Xs and Os, our bottom line, promotions or firings, what we'll be remembered for most is the way we uplift our players and employees.